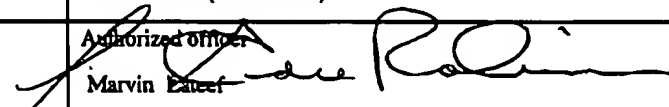


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 1942-001PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US01/12691	International filing date (day/month/year) 18 April 2001 (18.04.2001)	Priority date (day/month/year) 21 April 2000 (21.04.2000)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): A61B 6/00 and US Cl.: 600/426		
Applicant WEBB, LAWRENCE X.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>		
Date of submission of the demand 12 November 2001 (12.11.2001)	Date of completion of this report 27 June 2002 (27.06.2002)	
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US01/12691

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-31 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
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- ☒ the claims:
pages 32-40 as originally filed
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These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

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- ☐ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US01/12691**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-29</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-29</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-29</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-29 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method or a system having opaque indicia on the antimicrobial drape.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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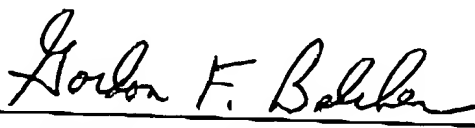
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item (1) 21/04/2000	09/553,683	US		
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II. ☐ New International Application

TITLE	SURGICAL TARGETING SYSTEM
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application no.	09/553,683	filed on	21-04-2000
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